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Dear Allen -

Saturday 7:30 PM
in Minneapolis.

Imagine the shock
when I saw this
undignified caption.

And this is the

fellow who was
"amused" over our
inspiring A. A. M.
Movement!

Be thee careful
as ever

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REPUBLICAN RIBBING

Stevenson seems to be getting an actual ribbing from central intelligence Director Allen Dulles (right) while Mrs. Eugene Meyer (center) looks on. Dulles was one of several prominent Republicans attending Mrs. Meyer's party for the ex-governor.

WASHINGTON LETTER

Adlai Again Says 'No!' -- Emphatically

By BETTE BEALE

The reluctance of Democrats to even consider another presidential candidate when in the vicinity of Adlai Stevenson was so apparent the other evening.

Mrs. Eugene Meyer, widow of the Washington Post publisher, tossed a party for Stevenson to introduce him to all the ambassadors from the Latin American countries he will visit next month.

Adlai, who announced his South American tour long before President Eisenhower disclosed his, and who leaves two weeks before Ike, said of his trip, "I feel that I am being followed." "By whom?" someone asked. "By an elephant."

Bigwig Democrats flocked by the dozen to the cocktail-supper. There were some prominent Republicans, too, but it was the Democrats who looked unhappy when you asked who their candidate was, excluding Stevenson. They simply weren't excluding him and that was that.

"Inasmuch as there are more Democrats than Republicans in the country," observed one guest, "if Adlai Stevenson could convey to the general public the electric personality that he invariably conveys in the drawing room, he could win the election hands down. But oddly enough the public image of a man frequently bears little resemblance to the private image."

Someone asked Adlai if he liked the chapter on himself in the book, "Candidates 1960." He certainly did, he said. He read it with increasing interest. "Finally," he exclaimed with a grin, "I rose in a state of delirium and said 'I am for that guy!'"

Before the party was over, someone inevitably put the old question to the two-time presidential candidate: Would he run again in 1960?

"No!" said Stevenson, emphatically, and all the humor was drained from his face as he looked the questioner straight in the eye.

Most controversial dinner party to be held in Washington in many a moon is the Republican "Dinner With Ike," one of the 180 such fund-raising dinners scheduled across the country.

What makes this one so controversial is that New York Gov. Rockefeller is to be the guest speaker and Hollywood star George Murphy, who's running the closed circuit television program for all 80 dinners, is 100 per cent for Vice President Nixon.



Rockefeller Murphy Nixon

From the first, Murphy has objected to Rockefeller's appearance on the TV show that will include President Eisenhower's speech in Los Angeles, Nixon's in Chicago and Thruston Morton's in New York. From the first the local GOP committee has insisted that the nation's capital should be represented in the closed circuit program regardless of who's speaking.

Rockefeller finally boiled over last Monday when he discovered that there wouldn't even be a head table at the dinner and that the TV camera probably wouldn't focus on him at all, but that Washington might be represented by a GOP housewife or the Howard university choir.

He not only demanded that there be the customary head table, but his office leaked the information that Nelson's speech will be very laudatory of the President but won't even mention Nixon's name.

As a result of all this unaccustomed bickering among GOP ranks, the dinner here on Jan. 27 will be the best attended and best covered function in town.

ABOUT TOWN: The state department throwing a fit because yours truly broke the news that foreign service officer Fraser Wilkins will be the first American ambassador to Cyprus over a month before Cyprus is to become a republic. The cables from Europe began to pour in.

Mrs. Herbert May in chinchilla cape sitting shoulder to shoulder with Mme. Mikhail Menshikov in mink-trimmed Persian lamb at the Moscow State Symphony concert. The Mays were guests of Soviet Ambassador and Mme. Menshikov.

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